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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Robert J. HEATH

SERIAL NO: 09/518,452

FILED: March 3, 2000

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Group Art Unit: ²¹⁶³2749
Examiner: ^{Boakye}Unknown

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FOR: SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING SATELLITE BANDWIDTH ON DEMAND
EMPLOYING UPLINK FRAME FORMATTING FOR SMOOTHING AND
MITIGATING JITTER AND DYNAMICALLY CHANGING NUMBERS OF
CONTENTION AND DATA CHANNELS

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

May 3, 2000

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, lines 4-15: Please delete the heading "Cross Reference to Related Applications," along with the entire paragraph following that heading, as indicated by the following struck through text:

~~Cross Reference to Related Applications:~~

~~Related subject matter is disclosed in co-pending provisional U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 60/156,806, entitled "Satellite System For Providing Bandwidth On Demand, High Speed, Broadband Multimedia Services To Different Types Of Users With Different Delivery Options"; in co-pending provisional U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 60/157,096, entitled "Method And Apparatus For Uplink Transmission In Broadband Multimedia Satellite System Having Different Types Of Users And Delivery Options"; and in co-pending provisional~~



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Application No. 09/518,452
Filed: March 3, 2000
For: System For Providing Satellite Bandwidth on
Demand Employing Uplink Frame Formatting
For Smoothing and Mitigating Jitter and
Dynamically Changing Numbers of Contention
and Data Channels

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

June 27, 2001

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

___ Petition for Extension of time is attached hereto. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

___ An extension for ___ months(s) has already been secured; the fee paid therefor of is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

X Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

X The fee for claims is calculated below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	<u>47</u>	minus	<u>47</u>	=	<u>0</u> x	\$ 18.00 =	\$0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	<u>8</u>	minus	<u>8</u>	=	<u>0</u> x	\$ 78.00 =	\$0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS						\$ 260.00 =	\$0
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:							\$0.00

Please charge any additional fees for claims or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0383.

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